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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Two hundred and twenty-two.

" (*b*) One hundred and eighty-nine."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" In view of the fact that 33 applicants could not sit for the examination because of the heavy travelling expenses involved, will the Government consider the desirability of conducting the examination in three centres, one in Tamilnad, one in Malabar and one in Andhra area, so that the centres may be within the economic reach of the candidates? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We shall look into the suggestion. Everything depends upon the number of places available and the inconvenience to both sides."

Representations re the unauthorized sale of arrack in Srikakulam district.

* 252 Q.—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation regarding unauthorized and illicit sales of arrack in Rajam, Srikakulam district; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken so far?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under investigation."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" May I know whether the signatories to the representation are asked to take part in the enquiry and, if not, why? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The matter will be considered."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—REQUEST FOR HALF-HOUR DEBATE.

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Sir, as starvation deaths in Chittoor and Anantapur districts are becoming widespread, I request the Hon. Speaker to allow a half-hour debate on that question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are going to sit till 8 o'clock. It is not possible for me to allow a half-hour debate."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" To-day we have disposed of the questions so quickly."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It cannot be said to be quick. We have taken one hour."

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SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" We have disposed of so many questions in one hour. At least fifteen minutes may be allowed to discuss the matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received 1,900 questions so far. We cannot be said to have disposed of too many questions in one hour."

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION *RE* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I beg to move— 11-3 a.m.

' *That the order in which the Demands for Grants for the year 1952–53 are to be taken up in accordance with the Motion made and adopted on the 21st July 1952, be modified so that after Demand XIII—Jails, the following Demands may be taken up :—*

VII—General Sales Tax and Other Taxes and Duties.

XX—Co-operation.

XVIII—Agriculture.'

This change has been in accordance with the wishes of the Opposition, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the order in which the Demands for Grants for the year 1952–53 are to be taken up in accordance with the Motion made and adopted on the 21st July 1952, be modified so that after Demand XIII—Jails, the following Demands may be taken up :—

VII—General Sales Tax and Other Taxes and Duties.

XX—Co-operation.

XVIII—Agriculture.' "

The motion was carried.

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1952–53—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND XXIV—LABOUR INCLUDING FACTORIES.

* THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I move—

' *That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 18,27,100 under Demand XXIV—Labour including Factories.*'

" This Demand relates to the expenditure under the several heads pertaining to the Labour and Factories Department. The Labour Department consists of the following officers, viz., the Commissioner of Labour, two Assistant Commissioners of Labour, fourteen Labour Officers, one Labour Welfare Officer, and four Industrial Tribunals. In addition, the following staff, namely,